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Lots of great things to do in February at the right price

As the hump of February looms it's tempting to form into a tight ball next to a baseboard heater and wait for spring. That would be a mistake, and not just because long proximity to a heat source is a health hazard. Winnipeg, beyond our doors, offers much to do as this winter winds down.

The Festival du Voyageur alone should pry you from the house. For neophytes unsure what all the annual fuss is about, marketing director Irina Ivanov Bissonnette advises an inaugural visit to Voyageur Park (a.k.a. Whittier Park). There you will find 20 snow sculptures created by artists from around the world, as well as Fort Gibraltar — a living history museum staffed by hundreds of interpreters in traditional garb. There's also music, a snow bar serving caribou (fortified wine brought west by the fur traders), and snow drenched in maple taffy. History, alcohol and sweetened snow — nuff said.

Another attraction steeped in our shared history is on now at the Win-



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niipeg Art Gallery, which is celebrating its centennial year by showing off some of their Inuit art collection — the

largest collection of contemporary Inuit art in the world.

The Creation and Transformation:



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Defining Moments in Inuit Art exhibition features 115 of the gallery's 11,000 Inuit artworks. It's a good representation of their full collection, communication co-ordinator Heather Mousseau says, and includes an interactive zone where kids can draw pictures, watch videos, and get their picture taken on a caribou-draped Ski-Doo. Keep your coat handy — there are igloos on the roof.

The Forks needs no introduction. The world's longest river trail, which includes skating and walking paths, stretches from the Churchill Parkway to Hugo docks. Fifteen warm-up shelters are works of art in their own right, including this year's winning Hygge House — a yellow kitchen setting that

invites the soul to sit for a spell. Forks event manager Susan Reid says Manitoba Music on Ice will feature several acts playing acoustically at the shelters on Feb. 17. Free family programming on Sundays at the Arctic Glacier Winter Park includes horse-drawn wagon rides, teepee art-making, Aboriginal storytelling, and snowboard instruction.

And if winter has defeated you beyond the salve of human companionship try a dog park. The city has 13 off-leash dog parks, free and open to all. Science says petting a dog will cheer you up and probably extend your life. Google "Winnipeg off-leash" for a link to locations, and remember to ask the owner if their dog is friendly before extending those fingers.



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Warm welcome for cool bear



Hudson peers around before descending into his enclosure at the Assiniboine Park Zoo, Thursday. JOHN WOODS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Roaring success.

Hudson the polar bear makes his debut

Hudson the polar bear has taken his first public romp around his enclosure at Winnipeg's Assiniboine Park Zoo.

The 15-month-old bruin is the first inhabitant of the zoo's International Polar Bear Conservation Centre.

Manitoba Premier Greg Selinger says polar bears are a sentinel species for climate change and the exhibit will attract researchers from all over the world.

Hudson arrived two weeks ago and his keepers say he is friendly, likes people and loves Winnipeg's frosty winter conditions.

That was certainly evident as he frolicked in front of well-wishers, batted at a red ball and chowed down on treats.

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Hudson has big paws to fill

He replaces the zoo's much-loved Delby, who was believed to be the world's oldest polar bear when she died in 2008 at the age of 42.

Breaking the ice

Polar plunge won't include Hudson

About 100 hardy souls are lined up to take a dip into icy water this weekend to support Special Olympics Manitoba.

The inaugural Manitoba Polar Plunge is being held Saturday at Investors Group Field, and the event, which is being organized by the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics, is certainly not for wussies.

"The water is going to be freezing, but the worst part is going to be when we get out of the water," laughed Steven Dreger from Special Olympics Manitoba, who said hot tubs will be lined up for plungers after their walk through a large bin filled with icy water.

Plungers can sign up online at specialolympics.mb.ca or at the event, which starts at 1 p.m.

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He doesn't just do porn. Ron's rum back on sale

The Manitoba Liquor Control Commission has reversed a decision to take porn star Ron Jeremy's rum off its store shelves.

A spokesperson for the MLCC said they made the bottles available to customers again after officials found nothing wrong or inappropriate with the labelling of the rum.

It was initially pulled in response to a customer complaint.

The MLCC ordered 60 cases of the well-known adult-film star's rum — called Ron de Jeremy — last month.



Ron Jeremy GETTY IMAGES

The premium rum is made in Panama and features Jeremy on the label.

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MLCC. Tories blast NDP over rising liquor costs

The Manitoba Tories say the slated rise in prices for alcohol at MLCC Liquor Marts in April should be called what it is — a “backdoor tax grab.”

“This NDP government is demanding Manitobans pay backdoor taxes to pay for out-of-control spending,” said Manitoba Liquor Control Act critic Cliff Cullen in a press release.

“Through this tax grab, the NDP is trying to hide that it can't manage your money when it has taken in the most revenue in Manitoba history. You have to wonder what's

next.”

Liquor prices in Manitoba will rise on April 1. The MLCC says it has not determined the amounts of the rise, but surcharges will rise 80 cents on a 12-pack of beer and about 50 cents on a 750-litre bottle of spirits.

Price increases will be announced within the next two weeks. The Tories say Manitobans will be hit twice, as with the increase in prices comes an increase in the amount paid on taxes.

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Caught on video

Hockey dad says sorry for flying off the handle

A man who has been dubbed “Winnipeg's worst hockey dad” by many on social media has apologized for an outburst caught on tape.

Selkirk resident Jason Boyd apologized to Global Winnipeg after they contacted him about his boorish behaviour at a recent kids' hockey game at Southdale Arena.

Boyd had threatened violence after parents asked him to stop calling an opposing team member a “midget.”

“Don't touch me, or I'm gonna cave your f—ing glasses in,” he spat angrily to the parent of the kid he was calling names.

The video, which was posted to YouTube on Wednesday, had about 6,000 views by the following day. Watch it at metronews.ca.

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Crime

Phone scammer offering car, cash

Police are warning Winnipeggers of another phone scam.

The calls are being made to unsuspecting customers who are told by a man with a Jamaican accent that they have won \$2.5 million and a Mercedes-Benz, said police.

The victims are then told they must send \$199 to \$399 to claim the prize. The man claims to be from a legitimate organization, said police.

Anyone who has received this phone call and not sent money is asked to call the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at 1-888-495-8501. If a victim has sent money, they are asked to make a police report in addition to calling the fraud centre. **METRO**

He-ho! Time to embrace your inner voyageur

Beat the lineup.
Festival passes now available online

There were plenty of “He-ho” chants, good cheer and even a medal presentation during the Festival du Voyageur's media launch on Thursday.

The annual event, which starts Friday and runs until Feb. 24, is “a great celebration of our history and our culture, Métis culture and Aboriginal culture, a culture of the people that came to the west, to settle the west, and to make it a place where we can all live together,” said Premier Greg Selinger.

During the launch, artists could be seen working hard on their snow sculptures.

Rene Lopez Coti of Guatemala said this is the 12th festival he's participated in and he enjoys the camaraderie among the artists, who come from all over the globe.

His sculpture is an ode to a magical Mayan being called the

Quoted

“Every year it's about bringing out the tradition, bringing out the culture and bringing out the joie de vivre that we have. We are so excited to share our culture and open our doors. ... This is a huge kitchen party.”

Genevieve Clement,
Festival du Voyageur president

Jun Tzikin, a bird.

“A bird is free, they don't live tied down,” said Lopez Coti in Spanish. “We human beings should have that freedom.”

Genevieve Clement, festival president, said there are 110 acts performing during this year's festival, including Imaginary Cities and Don Amero.

New this year is the option for people to purchase their passes online at heho.ca and print them off.

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The official Voyageur family, made up of Daniel St-Vincent, his wife Jocelyne Gagnon, and their children Katia, Miguel and Cabrel, arrives moments before the media launch of the Festival du Voyageur, which starts Friday and runs until Feb. 24. **BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO**

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Ex-soldier cleared of manslaughter in training accident

Afghanistan. But military jury finds Paul Ravensdale guilty on four other charges stemming from deadly incident in 2010

A retired Manitoba soldier faces the possibility of life in prison after being convicted of four charges stemming from a deadly training accident in Afghanistan.

A court martial panel on Thursday found retired warrant officer Paul Ravensdale guilty of breach of duty causing death, breach of duty causing bodily harm, unlawfully causing bodily harm and negligent performance of military duty.

The five-member panel — akin to a jury in a civilian trial — found Ravensdale not guilty of manslaughter and a second count of negligent perform-

Life in prison a possibility

The conviction on breach of duty causing death carries a maximum sentence of life in prison, although both the prosecution and the defence said Thursday they had not yet decided what sentence they will seek at a hearing set for March 4.

ance of military duty.

"What I hope (the verdict) would do is cause others to think twice and to reflect on the nature of what they're doing ... and to take further steps to keep their soldiers safe," prosecutor Maj. Tony Tamburro said after the hearing.

Ravensdale was leading a test of C-19 anti-personnel mines on a weapons range near Kandahar city in February 2010 when one mine misfired and sent hundreds of steel ball bearings in the wrong direc-

tion. Instead of fanning out forwards, the ball bearings shot backward, directly toward soldiers who were watching.

Some of the projectiles hit and killed Cpl. Josh Baker. Four other soldiers were injured.

The prosecution had argued that Ravensdale ignored safety rules and allowed soldiers to stand too close to the mine, but the defence said Ravensdale was simply following plans approved by his superiors.

The operating manual for the mines, as well as Canadian Forces training safety rules, requires people to be 100 metres behind C-19s unless they are shielded. Video played at the court martial showed some soldiers much closer than that and with nothing protecting them.

"There was definitely confusion about what the safety radius was and ... that was because the soldiers were never told," Tamburro said Thursday.

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Message to premier on Valentine's: 'Have a heart'

Carole O'Brien of the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, left, and Sarah Leeson-Klym of the Canadian CED Network place valentines on a plywood board outside of the Manitoba legislature on Thursday. More than 1,000 valentines were delivered as part of a campaign by 'Make Poverty History Manitoba' asking Premier Greg Selinger to "have a heart" and raise the rental allowance for people on employment and income assistance. BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO

Highway 280

Thompson RCMP investigate fatal Manitoba crash

A woman is dead following a two-car crash on a highway north of Thompson Wednesday.

Thompson RCMP were called at about 4 p.m. to the crash on Highway 280 about 80 kilometres north of Thompson, where the driver of a southbound 2004 Dodge pickup had reportedly lost control and hit a northbound 2012 Ford pickup.

The only person in the Dodge, a 33-year-old woman from Gillam, was taken to hospital with undetermined injuries.

The three occupants of the Ford, a 62-year-old man from Split Lake, as well as another man and a 58-year-old woman, were all taken to hospital with undetermined injuries. The woman died in hospital.

Police will not release the woman's name.

Road conditions were reported to be slippery at the time of the crash, and RCMP continue to investigate. METRO



Longtime Gio's Club and Bar regular Shandi Strong, 51, says the closure of the GLBT club after 31 years is ironically a sign of how much society has changed. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Saying good-bye to the 'heart' of Winnipeg's GLBT community

As Gio's Club and Bar gets ready to shut its doors for the last time this weekend, one longtime member says the closure is both a blow to the city's GLBT community and a sign of how much things have changed since the pub opened in 1982.

"It's a lot easier to be out and gay now," said Shandi Strong, 51, who has been a regular at the club since coming out about 15 years ago. "The younger kids

nowadays don't really need their own space so much.

"We didn't have the gay/straight alliances, it wasn't OK to be out and gay — it was a very different time for us."

Strong, who is also vice-president of the board of directors that runs Gio's, said its membership numbers have dropped to about 200 from more than 2,000 in the club's heyday.

"It's hard because Gio's

One last hurrah

Gio's Club and Bar is not going out quietly: The club will host the Genderfest Wrap Party on Friday and is planning a huge Closing Mega-Bash for Saturday night.

has been a big part of my life and it's a place I felt

comfortable," she said. "I'm going to miss the people and the building."

Gio's will close at 155 Smith St. after one last party on Saturday night, but the volunteer-run board is hopeful they'll find a new home for the bar soon.

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You Gotta Eat Here! Local restaurants make the cut for show's second season

After a successful first season eating at some of Canada's favourite greasy spoons and legendary restaurants — including some classic Winnipeg haunts — Food Network Canada's *You Gotta Eat Here!* is back for a second course.

"We're going to lots of great places," said the show's supervising producer, Rachel Horvath back in November, while taking a break from shooting the second season's 26 episodes.

"The crew is really excited. They love going across the country."

The new episodes, which include host John Cattuci's second trip to Winnipeg, start running on Food Network Canada Friday.

During season one the crew dined at some Winnipeg favourites, including Blondie's Restaurant, Bistro Dansk Restaurant, Boon Bur-



You Gotta Eat Here! host John Cattuci FOOD NETWORK/METRO

ger Café, The Tallest Poppy, and Red Top Drive Inn.

This season the crew will feature stops at Diana's Gourmet Pizzeria and Kawaii Crepe in Osbo.

SHANE GIBSON/METRO



Pedestrian hit during noon-hour crash

A pedestrian was taken to hospital in unstable condition after a crash on Corydon Avenue Thursday that left the roadway blocked over lunch hour. Police were called to the scene around 11:45 p.m. where a silver Hyundai Santa Fe and an older model maroon Honda appeared to have crashed at the intersection of Corydon Avenue and Park Boulevard North. SHANE GIBSON/METRO



Remembering the missing

A handful of protesters with signs rallied at the corner of Portage Avenue and Memorial Boulevard Thursday morning to bring awareness to missing and murdered aboriginal women in Manitoba and across Canada. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Police dogs need body armour, too

Trained elite. Protective equipment designed by local company

Police dogs protect communities as officers of the law, but they were never protected until one Winnipeg couple saw a business opportunity.

K9 Storm makes body armour for elite police dogs and special-forces canines around the world.

Jim and Glori Slater started K9 Storm in 1998 and now their vest can be found in 18

different countries around the world.

Jim Slater was a member of the Winnipeg Police Service for 20 years.

He says the idea for canine body armour came to him while he was with his canine partner, Olaf, searching the Headingly prison during the 1996 riot.

"I realized that the dog really needed to be protected because he was working out in front of us in a very volatile situation," says Slater.

Police dogs can cost \$50,000 to train, an investment Slater said needs to be

Sniffing out opportunities

- K9 Storm's gear is used by the military for a wide variety of situations, ranging from sniffing out arenas at the 2010 Vancouver Olympic Games to clearing the fields at the Super Bowl.

protected.

A fully loaded vest with an "Intruder" camera can cost \$30,000, but the payoff is priceless.

"The dog has full night-vi-

sion capabilities," said Slater.

"As the dog moves from a light to dark area of a building or structure, the handler or operator can view that image from the dog's point of view. They can see how the dog is doing, how the dog is reacting and what he sees or smells."

Additional harnesses allow dogs to be strapped to a handler for repelling or parachuting from helicopters and planes.

The company's future products remain a closely guarded secret. GLOBAL WINNIPEG/ THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Harper criticized for telling victims to 'get on' and report abuse

RCMP officers accused.
Human-rights group says prime minister is missing fear of reprisal

The human-rights watchdog that documented allegations of police abuse against aboriginal women in British Columbia is taking Prime Minister Stephen Harper to task for telling victims to just "get on" with reporting abuse.

Samer Muscati, a Canadian researcher who was involved in compiling the report released Wednesday, said Harper missed the whole point — that aboriginal women and girls are often too traumatized to cooperate with police.

"Those comments ignore the fear of reprisal those vic-

tims have," Muscati told The Canadian Press in an interview Thursday.

The report, from a New York group called Human Rights Watch, accuses RCMP officers of abusing aboriginal women and girls in northern B.C., and also includes an allegation of rape.

The alleged incidents were uncovered as part of a broader investigation into charges of systemic neglect of missing and murdered aboriginal women along B.C.'s Highway 16, nicknamed the "Highway of Tears."

Harper said the government has asked the Commission for Public Complaints Against the RCMP to look into the allegations but he urged those connected with the report to simply come forward.

"If Human Rights Watch,

the Liberal party or anyone else is aware of serious allegations involving criminal activity, they should give that information to the appropriate police so that they can investigate it," he told the House of Commons on Wednesday. "Just get on and do it."

Muscatti said Human Rights Watch tried to brief Harper and three cabinet members in advance of the report's release, but they were rebuffed.

Muscatti said the group has no intention of sharing the information it has about the abuse allegations, as Harper urged them to do.

"We have to stand by the victims who have asked us not to identify them because they're terrified of police retaliation," he said.

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New owners lend a helping hand

Scotlund Haisley carries out Max from a mobile home in Dartmouth, near Halifax, on Thursday. Max was one of nearly 50 dogs delivered to waiting foster families and adoptive owners in Dartmouth after travelling across the United States by mobile home over the last eight days. The dogs are the first group coming from an overcrowded shelter in Palm Springs, Calif., which include 15 rescued by the Animal Rescue Corps from a hoarding situation in January. JEFF HARPER/METRO IN HALIFAX

Refugee claims

Mexico added to 'safe' country list

Mexico, a country awash in drug-related violence, is no longer considered by Canada to be a major source of genuine refugees.

It was among eight "safe" countries added Thursday to a controversial list now used by immigration to fast-track claims.

Immigration Minister Jason Kenney has said the changes will help cut through fraudulent claims clogging the system.

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Lost data. Bureaucrats 'sorry' for privacy breach

We're sorry and we're trying to ensure it never happens again.

That was the message Thursday from senior federal bureaucrats responsible for the loss of personal information belonging to more than half a million Canadians.

Employees at Human Resources and Skills Development Canada lost an external hard drive and USB key in November, resulting in a massive privacy breach.

"Sensitive personal information was stored on unencrypted

portable storage devices and not properly secured. This should not have occurred," said Ian Shugart, a deputy minister with the department. "I apologize for these incidents."

A trio of bureaucrats from the department appeared before a House of Commons committee Thursday to give their account of the events.

MPs wondered why, in the case of the hard drive, it took two months for a formal investigation to be launched.

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Suspicious package puts seven in isolation in Ottawa

Seven people were kept isolated temporarily in a downtown Ottawa office tower Thursday after a suspicious package was delivered to the building that houses Public Safety Canada and other government offices.

A fire department hazardous-materials team secured the package and determined that its contents

were nonhazardous.

One police officer, three firefighters and three civilians were held in isolation briefly, although they showed no signs of ill health.

Another 40 to 50 people on the 15th floor of the building at 269 Laurier Ave. were asked to stay where they were while the matter

was being investigated.

The rest of the office building was unaffected.

The building sits just five blocks from Parliament Hill.

Police cars, fire trucks and paramedic vehicles blocked the street alongside the building, slowing traffic in the downtown core.

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Quebec tells zombie hordes to drop dead

Civil security.

Province nixes plans for walking-dead-themed emergency training exercise at symposium

The zombie apocalypse has been cancelled.

The Quebec government has stepped in to scrub plans for a zombie-themed emergency training exercise.

Participants at an annual symposium on civil security had been planning to use a hypothetical living-dead attack to test emergency preparedness.

Such a theme has been used elsewhere. The logic behind it is to use something that could never actually occur, as opposed to a flood or an ice storm, because that way emergency-preparedness officials might think of new problems and solutions.

News of the plan had elicited considerable guffaws this week, along with some complaints about wasteful government spending.



Flesh-eaters won't be rising in la belle province after the Quebec government ordered a halt to a zombie-themed security exercise. MARCO UGARTE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

So now the provincial cabinet has stepped in. Public Security Minister Stephane Bergeron announced in a press release Thursday that he has ordered a change of plans.

The new scenario will simulate a flood.

"I thought ... the theme of the workshop had taken on a greater importance than its

Spreading like an infection

Hypothetical zombie attacks are becoming a popular emergency preparedness teaching tool.

- Last September, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security held a similar exercise as part of a campaign to encourage better preparation for genuine disasters.
- B.C. conducted a similar exercise last May, offering tips on how to prepare for a fake zombie apocalypse to generate awareness of social-media tools.

goal and that it was better to change it," Bergeron said in a statement.

He said he took the decision "so as not to undermine the real purpose of the activity, which is and remains a very important exercise for civil security."

He said he needed to act to preserve the credibility of the symposium. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Love is in the air

Portuguese performer Pauliana Almeida, 34, kisses her partner, Yuga Hatta, 26, of Japan, after rappelling down the Clerigos Tower during a performance to mark Valentine's Day in Porto, Portugal, Thursday.

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Motoring

New Florida licence rules come as shock to drivers

Canadians on both sides of the border expressed surprise and indignation Thursday upon learning new rules require them to have an International Driving Permit to motor around Florida.

But as word of the change began to circulate, officials in the state that millions of Canadians visit every year issued a release saying enforcement was being deferred because the change may run afoul of an international treaty.

Under the rules introduced Jan. 1, all visitors with foreign licences must have an international permit issued by their country of residence in addition to a valid licence from home.

The quiet implementation of the regulations — which apply to any vehicle, including rentals — resulted in many Canadians being caught off guard.

Florida officials have said the law was passed so police are not faced with foreign licence documents in languages they can't understand. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Vegas gun promos 'in poor taste'

'Take a shot at love.'
Gun-control advocates
say the specials trivialize
the danger of guns

One Las Vegas shooting range is selling "take a shot at love" packages that include 50 submachine gun rounds. Another is offering wedding packages in which the bride and groom can pose with Uzis and ammunition belts. And a third invites lovebirds to renew their vows and shoot a paper cutout zombie in the face.

Never known for its understatement or good taste, Sin City is bucking

Quoted
"These gun stores and shooting ranges offer bad puns in poor taste in their efforts to put a happy face on firearms."

Josh Sugarmann, executive director of the Washington D.C.-based Violence Policy Center



Lindsae MacDuff holding an automatic weapon at the Gun store in Las Vegas after her "shotgun wedding" in 2012. CONTRIBUTED/BOB MACDUFF/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

the U.S. trend of avoiding flippant gun promotions after the Connecticut school shooting in December left 20 young children dead. Instead, it is embracing tourists' newfound interest in big guns the only way it knows how: by going all in.

Capitalizing on the state's relaxed gun laws, shooting ranges offer an armory of military-grade weapons that aren't accessible in other states. And because this is Las Vegas, they also allow customers to destroy photographs of exes, make souvenir T-shirts full of holes

and shoot fully-automatic weapons in barely-there bachelor party man-kinis.

Some gun-control advocates say the promotions trivialize the dangers of high-powered weapons.

"These gun stores and shooting ranges offer bad puns in poor taste in their efforts to put a happy face on firearms, yet each day more than 86 Americans die from gun violence," said Josh Sugarmann, who is executive director of the Washington D.C.-based Violence Policy Center.

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DA14. Fly-by asteroid won't be a disasteroid

An asteroid about half the size of a football field will make a very close visit to Earth on Friday and will even be affected by the planet's gravitational pull.

Asteroid 2012 DA14 will pass inside the ring of satellites that circle the planet, but scientists say Canadians shouldn't be worried about a collision.

Peter Brown, a scientist at Western University in London, Ont., says it's the largest asteroid on record to pass so close to the Earth — 27,600 kilometres. It is expected to pass over the Indian Ocean at around 2:30 p.m. EST.

"Things of this size get this close to the Earth or closer only about once every 40 years," said Brown, who studies asteroids and meteors.

Freedom of the press

Record number of journalists jailed last year: Group

A record number of journalists were imprisoned worldwide in 2012 in a "deteriorating environment for press freedom," a media advocacy

The asteroid will come so close that the Earth's gravity will change its orbit, but it won't be dragged down.

"We know with absolute certainty it will not impact the Earth on Friday," Brown said. "And we can say that there's a very low chance — maybe one chance in 300,000 — that it will impact (the Earth) in the next 100 years or so."

Brown said the asteroid will be visible by binoculars in areas like Indonesia, eastern Europe, Asia and Australia, although it will be moving very fast. It will be visible from North America later in the evening but only with high-powered telescopes.

NASA will provide coverage on its website starting at about 2 p.m. EST. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

group said Thursday.

The New York-based Committee to Protect Journalists said 232 journalists were jailed last year in a "trend driven primarily by terrorism and other anti-state charges levied against critical reporters and editors." It said 70 journalists were killed in 2012 — 43 per cent more than in 2011. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Anti-violence movement rises up around the globe

One Billion Rising. Widespread press coverage of gang rape in Delhi and Taliban shooting of Pakistani activist mobilized world, says organizer

Thousands danced in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Hundreds chanted in South Africa, carrying signs and candles. The Philippines held a 24-hour dance party. Scores of students in India gathered for a candlelight vigil.

Organizers say these were among thousands of events taking place in 205 countries Thursday as part of One Billion Rising, an international call led by Eve Ensler's V-Day organization to end violence against women and girls.

Ensler, author of *The Vagina Monologues*, announced the campaign last year, urging women and men around the world to walk out of work or school on Feb. 14, 2013, and dance to raise awareness



Sri Lankan women hold placards during a demonstration to mark the One Billion Rising campaign called to bring an end to violence against women, on Valentine's Day in Colombo, Sri Lanka. **REANNA JAYAWARDENA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

of the troubling UN statistic that one in three women worldwide will be raped or beaten in her lifetime.

"It's happening, and what we're seeing is really huge uprisings," Ensler said Thursday in a telephone interview from Congo. "It's amazing because

it goes from huge events like in Collins Square in London to six girls in a living room in Iran. That's what's so beautiful about it, like the whole world's doing it in the way they can do it."

Scheduled events included flash mobs in San Francisco, a

Zumba dance party with Jane Fonda in Los Angeles, a special program at New York's Hammerstein Ballroom featuring Rosario Dawson and Glenn Close, and a rally led by Martin Luther King Jr.'s daughter Bernice A. King in Atlanta. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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Oscar Pistorius leaves a police station Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Track star charged with murder of girlfriend

'Blade Runner.' Model Reeva Steenkamp was shot at the home of paralympic superstar Oscar Pistorius

South African paralympic sprint runner Oscar Pistorius was charged Thursday with the murder of his girlfriend who was shot inside his home, a stunning development in the life of a national hero known as the Blade Runner for his high-tech artificial legs.

Reeva Steenkamp, a model who spoke out on Twitter against rape and abuse of women, was shot four times in the predawn hours in the house, in a gated community in the capital, Pretoria, police said.

Hours later after under-

going police questioning, Pistorius left a police station accompanied by officers. He looked down as photographers snapped pictures, the hood on his grey workout jacket pulled up, covering most of his face.

His court hearing was originally scheduled for Thursday afternoon but has been postponed until Friday to give forensic investigators time to carry out their work.

South Africans were shocked at the killing. But while Pistorius captured the world's attention with his Olympic quest, police said there was a recent history of problems involving him. Police spokeswoman Brigadier Denise Beukes said the incidents included "allegations of a domestic nature."

"I'm not going to elaborate on it, but there have been incidents (at Pistorius' home)," THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Beauty with a law degree

Reeva Steenkamp, 30, campaigned against rape and violence against women. Thursday morning she was to give a talk at a Johannesburg school. The next day she was going to wear black to protest the brutal rape and mutilation of a 17-year-old.

- The freckled, leggy blonde appeared in international advertisements and was South Africa's face of Avon.



An undated photo of Reeva Steenkamp during a photo shoot. She was shot four times Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Oscar Pistorius



Double-amputee Oscar Pistorius after winning the 400 metre T44 at the 2012 Paralympics in London. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

From podium to police cell

Since captivating the world with his groundbreaking Olympic trip to London, Oscar Pistorius' life seemed like an extended victory lap.

More than 230,000 Twitter followers have been given a glimpse into a life of fast cars and luxury holidays as the hero was feted by an adoring public. The "Blade Runner" has revelled in the

fame that came from becoming the first amputee sprinter to compete at both the Olympics and Paralympics.

Among dozens of tweets in recent weeks, there are only a scattering of references to the girlfriend he is now accused of killing on Thursday.

Quoting a tweet from Reeva Steenkamp on Dec. 6 — "Wondering what my stalker is up to? Kinda miss him lurking around 2nyt" — Pistorius replied: "Heard he

is taking a water break with the boys!)" Steenkamp gushed over Pistorius on Twitter, seeming to relish going out with one of South Africa's biggest stars.

By contrast, there was little outpouring of affection from Pistorius, although there was no indication their relationship had soured. Steenkamp was shot four times at Pistorius' home in Pretoria.

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Merger gives birth to U.S. mega-airline

\$11B deal. New carrier formed by US Airways, American Airlines will carry more passengers than any other in world

American Airlines and US Airways agreed Thursday to merge in an \$11-billion deal that would create the world's biggest airline.

The combined carrier will be called American Airlines and be based in Fort Worth, Texas. It expects to have \$40 billion in annual revenue and offer more than 6,700 daily flights to 336 destinations in 56 countries.

The deal is a coup for smaller US Airways Group Inc., and was driven by the persistence of its CEO, Doug Parker, who will run the combined airline. Parker sought a merger almost as soon as American parent AMR Corp. filed for bankruptcy protection in November 2011.

As Parker pushed ahead, creditors forced AMR's management to consider the value of a merger compared with a plan for an independent American. Eventually they concluded that the best return for stakeholders, and the best chance to compete with bigger rivals United Airlines and Delta Air Lines, came from a merger.

The deal also caps a turbulent half-decade of bankruptcies and consolidation for the



American Airlines and US Airways jets park at the Philadelphia International Airport on Thursday.
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U.S. airline industry.

Since 2008, Delta gobbled up Northwest, United absorbed Continental and Southwest bought AirTran Airways. If this latest merger goes through, American, United, Delta and Southwest will control about three-quarters of U.S. airline traffic.

The merger, expected to close in this year's third quarter, will reduce the number of major U.S. airlines to four: the new American, United, Delta and Southwest.

The rapid consolidation has allowed the surviving airlines to offer bigger route networks that appeal to high-paying business travellers. And it has allowed them to limit the supply

Delayed effect

- Travellers on American and US Airways won't notice immediate changes as a result of the merger. It likely will be months before the frequent-flier programs are combined and years before the two airlines are fully integrated.

of seats, which helps prop up fares and airline profits.

That concerns some consumer advocates, but Parker sought to assure travelers that the merger helps them too — by creating a bigger rival to United and Delta.

There are two very large airlines right now and this creates a third," Parker said in an interview. "It provides good competition to those two."

Most airline mergers have resulted in a reduction of flights and shrinkage at some hubs, but Parker said this deal will be different because US Airways and American overlap on just 12 routes.

"Hopefully the service will be better with two airlines united to do what one hasn't successfully done so far," said Mary Gorman, 63, who was at Miami International Airport on Thursday. "If the service is better, I don't mind paying more for a ticket."

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Buffett will have some ketchup on the side

Billionaire Warren Buffett is dipping into the ketchup business as part of a \$23.3-billion deal to buy H.J. Heinz Co., uniting a legend of American investing with a mainstay of grocery store shelves. It's the largest deal ever in the food industry and is intended to help Heinz accelerate its transformation into a global business. The company, based in Pittsburgh, also makes Classico pasta sauces, Ore-Ida potatoes and Smart Ones frozen meals. Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway is partnering on the deal with 3G Capital, the investment firm that bought Burger King in 2010. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

New cars must have shoulder belts for rear centre seats, Ottawa says

All new cars built in Canada as of September 2015 will come equipped with shoulder safety belts for the rear centre seat, a change that's part of an alignment of auto safety regulations in Canada and the U.S.

New crash test standards are also being adopted that

could both improve automotive safety and save car makers millions of dollars. Health Minister Leona Aglukkaq said Thursday as she took part in announcing the changes.

On top of adding a mandatory requirement for lap and

shoulder seat belts in the rear centre seat, car makers will have to use female and child-sized dummies in their crash tests, says Transport Canada. Those tests must also be conducted at higher speeds for front-end crashes.

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Parting ways

Balsillie has sold BlackBerry shares, filing shows

Jim Balsillie once re-mortgaged his house to help build the BlackBerry company, but by the end of last year, the former co-CEO had cleaned out any shareholder stake he still owned.

A document filed with U.S. regulators shows that by Dec. 31 of last year he no longer held shares in the company formerly known as Research In Motion.

In January 2012, Balsillie resigned from the co-CEO position, alongside co-founder Mike Lazaridis. They took director roles, but Balsillie completely exited the firm hardly two months later.

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1 Un, deux, trois. U.S. President Barack Obama reacted to North Korea's nuclear test Tuesday by promising firm action on what he views as Kim Jong-un's "highly provocative

act." The prez claims the move blatantly threatens U.S. security and international peace. After all, America already has all the nuclear weapons the world will ever need.

2 **Missionary position.** We bid farewell to Pope Benedict XVI, a sports fan obviously named after Super Bowl XVI when the 49ers defeated the Bengals. This week, the papal 'Giant' gathered the 'Cardinals,' some of whom might be 'Saints,' and ask the 'Angels' to decide which 'Patriots' cup will runeth over. Vatican spokesman, Father Lombardi says that Benedict is keeping the 'book' close, but that he has spent the last eight years assembling a team of veterans, still young enough to compete, that he believes can go all the way. So there.

3 **Games people play.** Jacques Rogge, president of the International Olympic Committee, has agreed to discuss the decision to drop wrestling from the Games, but let's face it, who cares? I mean, we're not talking about a REAL sport like table tennis or synchronized swimming.

4 **Fortunate sons.** Wonton Food Inc., largest U.S. producer of fortune cookies, has ceased printing intimate messages like: "the evening promises romantic interest," because some parents complained they were inappropriate for their children. OK folks, if this offends you, my first suggestion is: don't have kids. And if you choose to disregard this wisdom, well, good luck with school, the Internet, HBO, or raising a child in general.

5 **Space marketing.** The SETI Institute and International Astronomical Union (IAU) started a public poll to name the recently discovered moons orbiting Pluto. The guidelines strictly specify names of underworld characters in Greek or Roman mythology, which disqualifies my entries of Kim and Khloe, Snooki and JWoww, and Tito and Jermaine, but many of the names from Harry Potter films still apply.

6 **Alternate reality TV.** I dreamed I was at a party full of good-looking, talented, rich hobbyists who regularly have outrageous sex with extraordinarily attractive people. One would intermittently raise a glass to praise the other publicly for the value of their recreational output. I found myself looking in while the distance between us grew and panic set in just as I awoke, relieved that I hadn't missed the Grammys.

7 **Capital duplicity.** Notorious infidelity website Ashley Madison released its list of Canadian cities with the most cheating spouses. The hands-down winner was Ottawa, where about one out of every 20 residents are members. This sparked an outcry among citizens who were devastated to discover there is such dishonesty in our nation's capital.

8 **Hear me roar.** This week in 1975, at the height of women's lib, Linda Ronstadt had her first and only solo #1 U.S. hit with You're No Good. Ladies throughout America expressed solidarity as they enthusiastically sang the chorus to their men before defiantly leaving them. Just in time for Valentine's Day.



Kim, Kourtney and Khloe Kardashian can't keep up with Pluto's new moon name requirements, recent reports suggest. CHRIS PIZZELLO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

British army deploys the toy



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Warfare technology

Spy chopper fits in palm of your hand

It looks like a toy helicopter but one command has called it "a game-changing piece of kit" in modern warfare.

This pocket-sized aircraft, Black Hornet Nano, has been unveiled as the British army's latest weapon against the Taliban. The surveillance drone has three cameras fitted inside its nose to allow troops to spy on enemies from afar.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Army's viewpoint

"Previously, we'd have sent soldiers forward to see if there were any enemy fighters hiding inside a set of buildings. Now we're deploying a Black Hornet to look inside compounds. It's so small and quiet that the locals can't see or hear it."

Maj. Adam Foden, commander of the Brigade Reconnaissance Force at Camp Bastion, Afghanistan

War casualties

Drones have killed children: UN

Drones are now a mainstay for the military but they are not without controversy.

U.S. attacks by manned and unmanned aircraft have killed "hundreds" of children in Afghanistan, according to the Committee on the Rights of the Child. The UN body said casualties were "due notably to reported lack of precautionary measures."

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The drone relays video and still images to a handheld control terminal. MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

Twitter

@wpglovehate: Somebody in the office is playing Sometimes When We Touch. Am I in Hell? Candid Camera? Kill me.

@TroyWestwood: To the two fathers who stepped up and engaged the big ignorant mouthy fool at the Southdale C.C., well done and profound respect.

@jessjohnn: Nothing else matters other than the fact that Dairy Queen reopens today.

@al3xamag: How am I supposed to get out of this perfect duvet and afghan cocoon that is my bed?

@mrs_kimball: Sometimes, I wish @thetallpoppy would come to my house & cook me pancakes. I know how to make them, I just don't want to.

@Gramig: Valentine tip: If for some reason your own heart is taken, you might find a substitute at your local butcher



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Sarah Polley's *Stories We Tell* is just one of the more recent great made-in-Canada films. HANDOUT

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN



Films of the true North strong and free

Celebrating the maple leaf. The Reel Guys take a look at their fave movies made by Canucks on National Flag of Canada Day

Richard: Mark, Canada has a rich tradition of documentary film making, so I thought I'd start with one of my recent favourite Can Con films, a doc by Sarah Polley. *Stories We Tell* is a frank look at a family secret. For years Sarah's family wondered why she didn't look like her father, actor Michael Polley. In the film she examines the story of her parentage, but what could have been a self-indulgent home movie is, instead, a riveting look into the dynamics of a group of in-

dividuals bound together by birth and circumstance. What's grabbed you lately?

Mark: As it turns out, she doesn't look much like her actual father, either! Yes, it's a good movie, although the last 20 minutes seemed too abstract for the rest of the film. I don't think you can talk about Canadian film without talking about French-Canadian film. I'm especially thinking of the great Denis Arcand, whose films play like a Quebecois version of Woody Allen's neurotic New Yorkers, and some of the coming-of-age-themed movies like *CRAZY* and *Leolo*, which I think is a masterpiece.

RC: Masterpiece is a big word — literally, it's 11 letters! But it's also applicable in the case of the movies you mentioned. While we're waving that flag

I'd also add in *Hard Core Logo*, Bruce McDonald's long hard look at a punk band's life and death on the road. It's one of the best-loved Canadian films of all time and an all-time favourite of mine, regardless of origin. Less known, but also worthwhile, is the sequel *HCL2*, an eye-popping followup that captures the spirit of the first film but is also fresh and surprising.

MB: There are hidden gems throughout our cinematic history. One of my favourites, Richard? *A Fan's Notes*, from 1972. Based on the Frederick Exley book of the same name, it's a dark comedy about a middle-aged guy who realizes he will always be a fan, but never a player, in everything he does.

RC: A few years after *A Fan's Notes* I saw *The Silent Partner*,

Synopsis

The most romantic day of the year has come and gone, and while the rest of you are finishing off heart-shaped boxes of chocolates, the Reel Guys are celebrating National Flag of Canada Day by rounding up some of the best Canadian films.

a heist movie about a mall Santa with plans to rob a bank. It's an entertaining movie with two lasting images: the newly built Toronto Eaton Centre and Christopher Plummer in drag!

MB: And if you watch *Goin' Down The Road* from 1970, the Royal York Hotel is the tallest building on the Toronto skyline!

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The 63rd Annual Berlinale, Germany's frosty answer to the Cannes Film Festival, is currently taking place, screening more than 400 films from around the world, with 19 of those competing for the Golden Bear award. Here's some of the can't-miss entries.

Side Effects

A week after its release in the U.S., Steven Soderbergh brings his "last" film to Berlin — he's threatening retirement after this and his HBO film *Behind the Candelabra*. If this is it, he's going out on a high note, with a taut adult thriller rooted in America's dependence on the pharmaceutical industry for mental health issues.

The Necessary Death of Charlie Countryman

Frederik Bond's bizarre dystopian romance starring Shia LaBeouf and Evan Rachel Wood received some fairly lousy reviews out of Sundance, so it isn't likely to earn any statues here, but what critics say about the over-the-top content of the film makes it fascinating and hard to miss.

Yi Dai Zong Shi (The Grandmaster)

While it's not a part of the competition, Wong Kar-wai's attention-grabbing martial arts masterpiece has been selected as the festival's opening night film. The historical epic about the origins of Kung fu, featuring fight choreography by Yuen Woo-ping (the *Matrix*, *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*) offers plenty action and art-house.

Night Train to Lisbon

Based on Pascal Mercier's high-minded 2004 novel, Oscar-winner Bill August's film finds Jeremy Irons as a Swiss professor abandoning his post to investigate the life of a deceased Portuguese doctor. With Melanie Laurent, Jack Huston and Charlotte Rampling along for this journey, this could prove to be some good, sophisticated fun.

Dark Blood

Also screening out of competition, this title is likely the most anticipated, as director George Sluizer has finally "completed" his 1993 film, left unfinished when star River Phoenix died of a drug overdose 10 days before shooting was to be completed. The missing segments are filled in with Sluizer's voice-over.

Brief

Phoenix's last film to screen

The late River Phoenix's last movie, *Dark Blood*, has received a rare screening at the Berlin film festival. But its director says the picture may never go out for general release. George Sluizer told reporters Thursday negotiations with the financial company that owns the movie are "tough" because "they don't care about culture, they care about money." Phoenix died of a drug overdose in October 1993. He stars as a young widower living in the Arizona desert who takes a couple prisoner.

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Should kids be in the Oscar race?

Award season analysis. With 9-year-old Quvenzhané Wallis in the running for a best actress statue, experts debate if children are deserving of coveted awards

Beasts of the Southern Wild star Quvenzhané Wallis is an actress of talent, poise and maturity well beyond her years.

She was only five years old when she auditioned and six when she played the part of Hushpuppy, a little girl of fierce strength and resourcefulness living with her daddy in a squalid slab of Louisiana

swampland known as The Bathtub. She was just a regular kid from nearby Houma, La. — she'd never even acted before, and actually pretended to be a year older than she was to be considered.

Now, at only nine, Quvenzhané (Kuh-VAHN-zuh-nay) is the youngest-ever actress nominee at the Academy Awards. Altogether, *Beasts* has four nominations at the Feb. 24 ceremony, including best picture.

While her presence is undeniable, Quvenzhané's nomination raises the question: How young is too young to compete for an Oscar, the film industry's highest honour, which has eluded performers with decades more experience and acclaim? Is a child really capable of acting, with craft, or do these

performances reflect uncanny instinct?

Director Benh Zeitlin doesn't think nine is too young for such an honour. Zeitlin, who is up for a best-director Oscar himself with just his first feature, praised Quvenzhané for the incredible sense of self she displayed from the beginning. But he also recalled one day when she seemed to be struggling on set, and he took her aside to ask what was wrong.

"I know. I can't snap it today. Normally I can snap it," he remembered her saying. "The fact that she has an internal sense of when she's in character, when she's getting the emotions right and feeling it, is really special even in experienced actors, but especially someone of her age to have that sort of self-awareness."

Justin Henry, who remains the youngest-ever Oscar nominee in any category for 1979's *Kramer vs. Kramer*, said that in some ways it's a purer form of acting at this age.

Henry was just six years old and had never acted when a casting director came to his Rye, N.Y., school looking for someone to play Billy, the little boy at the centre of Dustin Hoffman and Meryl Streep's custody battle.

He was seven when he shot the film and eight when he was nominated for best supporting actor. He lost to 78-year-old Melvyn Douglas for *Being There*. (Tatum O'Neal is still the youngest Oscar winner in any category; she was 10 when she earned the supporting-actress Oscar for 1973's *Paper Moon*.)

A voting Academy member, Henry said he thought it was "awesome" to see Quvenzhané get nominated for the acclaimed Fox Searchlight indie drama,



Quvenzhané Wallis is the youngest-ever actress nominee at the Academy Awards. ALL PHOTOS: THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

which he called the best movie of the year. Now 41 with a seven-year-old daughter of his own, he looks back at his own nomination and acknowledges: "I didn't even know what it meant. ... I just remember being nervous as hell about having to give a speech in

front of 3,000 people.

That's the great thing about acting: In some ways, it's a child's game," said Henry, who went on to play Molly Ringwald's wisecracking younger brother in the John Hughes classic *Sixteen Candles* and now specializes in web video distribution.



Justin Henry, right, seen here with Dustin Hoffman in 1979, was the youngest-ever Oscar nominee.

No place for a kid

Thelma Adams, contributing editor at Yahoo! Movies and a longtime awards prognosticator, points out that Shirley Temple was already well on her way to a career by the time she was six, the same year she earned an honorary juvenile Oscar. "With (Quvenzhané's) performance, it's kind of a life force. They've captured this wonderful little girl ... but it's not an acting performance," says Adams. "I've seen her at parties," she adds. "I know she can get up in her party dress and charm, but I also saw a little girl who'd rather be riding a pony at a kids' party. ... To have her nominated, it's not good for her, no matter how great she was in the movie — and she was terrific — but this red carpet thing is a grind."

"You're just pretending, so sometimes it's easy when you're a kid. You just kind of follow your instincts."

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Drama



Amour

Director. Michael Haneke

Stars. Jean-Louis Trintignant, Emmanuelle Riva

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The very definition of a small movie tackling a big subject, *Amour* takes a brutally hard look at aging. Retired music teachers Georges and Anne have their life thrown into flux after a medical condition leaves Anne incapacitated. Devoted to his wife, Georges refuses to check Anne into a home, opting instead to care of her himself. True to its director's reputation for creating bleak tableaux, *Amour* is neither precious nor judgmental of Georges' decisions; rather Haneke lets his characters suffer the consequences of their decisions in a heart-wrenching film. **IAN GORMELY**

A Glimpse Inside The Mind of Coppola

Movies. It's 'told from a guy's point of view,' but filmmaker says film is just about the human condition

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Actor Jason Schwartzman and filmmaker Roman Coppola are clearly good pals. Not only have they worked on several films together (including *Moonrise Kingdom* — for which Coppola has earned an Oscar nomination for best writing) but the duo are practically inseparable as they pitch their latest comedy.

"I just think we're collaborative by nature and I think it's a good fit," explained Schwartzman recently during an interview. "And Roman, his attitude is if you can dream of it, we can do it — we'll find a way."

Coppola has truly tested

that mantra in *A Glimpse Inside the Mind of Charles Swan III*. Not only is the film's title considerable but the "wild movie" involves a stylized world in which a graphic designer's life (played by Charlie Sheen) unravels at the sudden departure of his true love in spite of his best friend's (Schwartzman) support.

"It's told from a guy's point of view but I was pleased when I showed the film and a good, close friend said (she) really related to that character," admitted Coppola, who is certainly unafraid to enact the sex-obsessed title character's fantasies in the quirky comedy.

"Hopefully it's just about the human condition, so anyone can enjoy it."

The film (which opens Friday) has also been drawing obvious parallels between Charles Swan and its notorious star Charlie Sheen — a circumstance that Coppola stops short of admitting, if only to praise

Schwartzman's beard

"It was determined pretty early on that I would don as much curly hair as possible and as thick a beard as was doable. (My beard) cast quite an enormous shadow if the sun hit me in the right way."

Schwartzman, of his stylized look in the film.

the actor.

"He has a wit, charisma and charm that's just something certain people have and most people don't," said Coppola.

"I knew that he had those chops and abilities as a really fine actor so I was excited and felt confident that he would nail it and was really excited to present him back on the big-screen again because I think he deserves to be there."



Actors Charlie Sheen, left, and Jason Schwartzman in *A Glimpse Inside the Mind of Charles Swan III*. HANDOUT

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Zero Dark Thirty (14A) Fri 4:45-8:15
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The Last Stand (18A) Fri 6:50-9:20
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Love Story of Singh vs Kaur (PG) Fri
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The Guardians 3D (G) (G) Fri 6:30-9
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Skyfall (14A) Fri 6:40-10 Sat-Mon
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Les Misérables (PG) Fri 6:30-10 Sat-
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Parker (18A) Fri-Mon 9:45
Warm Bodies (14A) Fri 7:10 Sat-Mon
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Zero Dark Thirty (14A) Fri 4:40-8:10
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Sub-Titled Tue-Thu 3:20-7:05-10:05



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Stereo Digital, No Passes Fri 4:15-7:10-
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Les Misérables (PG) Dolby Stereo
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Move to Move - Netherlands Dance
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Warm Bodies (14A) Fri-Sat 12:15-2:40-
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Hugh Bonneville is lord of this manor

Downton Abbey.
Actor reflects on the show's massive success

The third season of Downton Abbey ends this Sunday with a bang. But even with that, the larger point remains that after Sunday's Masterpiece Classic (airing at 9 p.m. Eastern on PBS), viewers must suffer Downton withdrawal until next season.

But until then, we'll have our memories. And what a season this has been! The valet, Mr. Bates, was sprung from jail and a trumped-up murder charge to begin married life with his bride, the plucky lady's maid Anna. Robert Crawley, Earl of Grantham (played by Hugh Bonneville), has gotten Downton Abbey back on its feet financially with an able assist from his son-in-law and presumptive heir, Matthew

Crawley. Matthew wed his true love, Lady Mary Crawley. But another of Robert's daughters, Lady Sybil, died tragically during childbirth.

Through it all, Robert's mother Violet, Dowager Countess of Grantham (played by Maggie Smith) delivered a barrage of withering, hilarious rejoinders to virtually every narrative twist.

"I remember my very first scene with her in Season One," says Bonneville. "She's complaining about the new electric lights, and suddenly she put her fan up to her face to shield herself from 'the glare,' and spent the entire scene like that."

"It was so funny, and I was just, 'All right! There's no point in my even being here. She's just marched off with the scene!'"

Now, as then, Downton is a plush, penetrating peek into the lives of the aristocratic Crawley family and their household servants in an English

castle of a century ago. With a cast that also includes Michelle Dockery, Elizabeth McGovern, Dan Stevens, Jim Carter and Brendan Coyle, the series this season has drawn an average 11 million viewers each week.

The 49-year-old Bonneville, even firmly planted in a 21st-century Manhattan hotel, looks to the manor born. Nonetheless, his roles have strayed some distance from the lofty likes of Robert Crawley. For instance, Bonneville has been affable and bumbling in Notting Hill and Mansfield Park, and downright villainous in The Commander.

And coinciding with his Downton duties, he also played the addled Head of Deliverance for the Olympics commission in Twenty Twelve, a BBC miniseries that spoofed preparations for the London Olympics.

"There are people who think I've been doing nothing for 25 years, and then suddenly I get this role on Downton Abbey," Bonneville says with a laugh.

"But I've had a really lovely time for 25 years! I've played everything from Shakespeare to sitcoms to period dramas to modern serial killers."

Of course, Bonneville realizes that Downton is a good bet for the lead citation in his obituary. He has finally acknowledged it: This show is a cultural phenomenon, not just a fad.

And he has theories why: the savoury writing by series creator Julian Fellowes, the cast is splendid, production values are luxurious and the premise remains rich with possibility.

"Underneath it all, this series is about romance rather than sex, it's about tension rather than violence, and it's about family — both the literal family and the staff as family," says Bonneville. "It explores the minutiae of those social structures, the nuances of the system as to whether someone's in or out."

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Hugh Bonneville plays the patriarchal Lord Grantham. DAN HALLMAN/INVISION/AP

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Toro Y Moi expands his sonic pallet

Chaz Bundick. The 'chill-wave' artist describes going for 'that top 40 sound'

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Soft-spoken Chaz Bundick (a.k.a. Toro Y Moi) has kept his bearings since his hazy, synth-driven bedroom-breakout *Causers of This* put him on the map in 2010.

While his splash put him into the "chill-wave" scene that also included other newbies like Washed Out and Neon Indian, inspirational (and operational) changes came soon for the South Carolina native. 2011's *Underneath the Pine* saw him incorporate more live instruments and a band into his idiosyncratic laptop creations, spanning genres as wide as R&B, hip-hop, indie rock and '60s pop.

Anything in *Return* continues the evolution of Toro Y Moi's sound by adding in deep disk-digging doses of downtempo R&B, ambient hip-hop, underground disco and '90s diva house to the mix. At



Chaz Bundick (a.k.a. Toro Y Moi) released his latest album, *Anything in Return*. ANDREW PAYNTER

times it mirrors the retro lo-fi charm of its predecessor, but predominately it is the most polished, well-produced and eccentric work in his brief catalogue.

"I was really trying to mess

around with that top 40 sound to see if I could come close to what they do, even just as an experiment," says Bundick.

"As long as I can keep my head on, it's OK."

Anything in *Return* plays

out like a heavily-textured, almost claustrophobic house mix of Bundick's current favourite sounds. Where some tracks such as *Harm in Change* keep the layers heavy, others such as *Touch* bring

it down to just a few mellow tones and the cricket-like chirp of a drum machine. Lost mostly in the mix is Bundick's own voice, which quietly coexists with the soulful samples (mostly ultra-short

Toro's new toys

At times the multiple layers of keys and percussion alone make Toro Y Moi's music difficult to pull off live — so much so that its creator jokes about sounding "like a cover band" of his own music.

But according to Bundick, trying to use a broad spectrum of instruments live and especially in the studio is something he wouldn't turn back on.

"When I listen to 'Causers of This,' all I hear is laptops. God I wish those were real keys. But that's in the past and not really worth regretting."

clips of female singers) that he drops on numerous tracks. "She knows I work hard," he sings on *Cake* — alluding to what he calls the album's central theme: being away from loved ones for the first time.

Anything might not be Toro Y Moi's most accessible, but fans seeking new explorations will not be disappointed.

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- 2. Keep a clean litter box (scoop daily, clean out weekly)**
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- 3. Environmental stimulation is very important**
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4. Keep your cat indoors

From car accidents to fights with other animals, the outside world is dangerous for cats. Outdoor cats are expert hunters; they kill thousands of birds and small mammals. One last reason to keep your cat inside: it's the law!

5. Spend time interacting with your cat
Whether cuddling on the couch or playing fetch with a toy, both cat and owner benefit from daily bonding time. It's also great exercise for cats, who spend much of the day alone and sedentary.

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Now that Valentine's Day is over, we can put the love songs away and get serious again



New You/My Bloody Valentine

MBV pretty much broke the Internet when they posted their first album in more than 21 years a couple of weeks ago. This track is surprisingly radio friendly. Odd, that.



Jubilee Street/Nick Cave and the Bad Seeds

Nick and Co.'s new album, Push the Sky Away, will be out Tuesday. This song features the first-ever use of the line "I've got a fetus on the leash."



Anthem/Anthrax

From an eight-song set of covers called Anthems due March 19. Marvel as singer Joey Belladonna does a pretty good Geddy Lee.



A Lil Wayne lyric offended the family of a slain 14-year-old. GETTY IMAGES FILE

Lil Wayne. Epic Records tries to take down leaked song with offensive lyrics

Epic Records is going to "great efforts" to take down a new Future remix leaked over the weekend with a vulgar Lil Wayne lyric that has offended the family of Emmett Till. The New Orleans rapper made a sexual reference to the beating death of Till, a 14-year-old Chicago boy tortured and shot in Mississippi in 1955 for whistling at a white woman. Till's family objected and the Rev. Jesse Jackson reached out to his management, The Blueprint Group, on the family's behalf. The label issued a statement

Wednesday night apologizing for the release of the song. "We regret the unauthorized remix version of Future's Karate Chop, which was leaked online and contained hurtful lyrics," the statement said. "Out of respect for the legacy of Emmett Till and his family and the support of the Reverend Jesse L. Jackson, Sr., we are going through great efforts to take down the unauthorized version."

Epic will release an official version of the song that "will not include such references."

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Evan Rachel Wood

Wood furious over leaked ultrasound photo

Evan Rachel Wood went on a Twitter tirade after discovering that the Daily Mail had published a photo of her ultrasound. "Which sick f--- paparazzi hid in the parking lot of my hospital after my ultrasound? I can't stand this," she tweeted. "I couldn't be more furious right now. I want to cry. My child isn't even born yet." Wood is expecting her first child with husband Jamie Bell. After asking the newspaper in a later tweet to remove the image, the story was taken off its site.

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES



Rihanna ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

RiRi losing friends over rekindling with Brown

Rihanna has received her share of criticism for reuniting with Chris Brown, who was arrested for assaulting her in 2009. And it turns out the rekindled romance is even costing her some friendships. Rihanna

and Katy Perry "aren't tight anymore because Katy doesn't approve of Rihanna dating Chris Brown," a source tell Us Weekly. Perry and beau John Mayer reportedly steered clear of Rihanna and Brown at the Grammys last weekend.

The Word



Is Alexa Ray Joel slowly morphing into Minka Kelly?

Pictures popped up recent-



THE WORD
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ly of Alexa Ray Joel, the 27-year-old spawn from the famous union between Up-

town Girl Christie Brinkley and Billy Joel, and they are looking a little, well, suspicious. But don't listen to what your head is telling you (and I know your head is screaming, "girlfriend got plastic surgery!"). No, read what Brinkley has to say about her daughter's changing looks.

The former supermodel went on Anderson Live on Thursday to defend her daughter, saying her transformed appearance isn't from a doctor, but rather she's "blossomed."

"She's stepping out into the world, she's doing things and now (her critics) can't even accept it — it's like, 'Oh she's too beautiful, she bought it all, it's all plastic surgery,'" she said. Brinkley says the only surgery Joel has ever "bought" is "a little tweak of her nose."

The whole thing is totally Freud-worthy (it must be rough to have Christie Brinkley as your mother no matter how cute you are) but since this is a gossip column and not a graduate-level course on psychotherapy, let's just say that if I were Minka Kelly, I'd be slightly disturbed.

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Shulamith Koenig, is a world human rights activist and award

winner examining the concept of Winnipeg becoming a human rights city that we can all be proud of. Are our city councilors willing to listen to engage? Will our are provincial politicians want to hear, to listen, to learn, to these new ideas to find a better way?

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Liquid Assets

Dynamic duo: Eggs and wine



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Sharing my page with Rick Mercer this week has brought out my inner rant.

It's a rant inspired by the union of booze and the most important meal of the day — breakfast.

Now, I don't mean having a few Jäger bombs with your bagel before hitting the road to work. That's why the Italians invented the skinny cappuccino.

I'm talking weekends, holidays, snow days. Those mornings where your

keys stay in your coat and you can sip and savour a bevy over a plate of home cooked goodness like, say, scrambled eggs.

What makes brunch, lunch and dinner so special when it comes to an adult liquid partner pairing?

I say that breakfast has lived in its shadows for too long, and it's time we

all find an opportunity to break out the stemware in the a.m.

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Dining on the road with Mercer

Q&A. The Rick Mercer Report star shares his fave meals and places to eat across Canada, as well as a recipe for his go-to dish

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Everyone's favourite Canadian funnyman Rick Mercer doesn't really sit still. His popular show, *The Rick Mercer Report*, sees him on the road, popping in and out of many of Canada's diverse cities.

I caught up with Rick in between his busy travel schedule to find out what he loves about traipsing across the country and what he eats on the road.

What's the best part about being able to travel across Canada regularly?

It's such a big country but I never get tired of it at all. I can't say enough (about) it. I love getting to know a part of the country. I actually do view the entire country as the "town" I live in. I am all over the country all the time and I love it.

Since you travel so much, do you find it hard to eat healthy on the road?

It's extremely difficult, to no fault of the travel, quite frankly. If you're hitting the road at 6 a.m., there are very few op-

tions. There was a decade of those terrible egg sandwiches, which everyone enjoys while they're eating but then regrets immediately after.

What's the staple 'quick meal' for you when you're on the road with your show?

The staple on the road is the Tim Hortons' ham and cheese. I cannot tell you how many ham and cheese sandwiches have been consumed by my team and I while we're on the road. It's shocking how many of those we consume for lunch! At least it's not a burger and fries. You can't do that every day, otherwise it's over!

If you are stuck in a lay-over, what fast food joint or junk food do you succumb to when you're hungry with nothing to eat?

Well, that depends on the airport. I do know every airport in the country! There is no scenario where I am in Montreal's airport and not have a Schwartz's!

One of the best meals you've had was at...

Da Maurizio in Halifax. It's still, to this day, the best Italian I've eaten in this country. Yes, I know those are fighting words!

If you had to pick a Canadian city's airport to live in for a week, which one would it be? Vancouver has a tremendous airport with great food. I believe the (luggage) carts are free too, which I always admire in an airport. It's just a comfortable place. I could live



At home, Rick keeps it simple with his favourite food: scrambled eggs. SUBMITTED

Rick's Scrambled Eggs

1. Whisk together the eggs, half and half, black pepper, paprika and salt.
2. Melt the butter in a large pan on medium heat. Once melted, add the egg mixture to the pan and let cook for 2 minutes.
3. Using a spatula or spoon, push egg mixture from the sides of the pan into the centre and let cook for another 2 minutes. Repeat until all of the egg mixture has cooked through.

4. Stir in any grated cheese or optional ingredients and serve.

- 6 large eggs
- 2 tbsp half and half
- 1 tsp ground black pepper
- 1 tsp paprika
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 2 tsp butter
- Optional ingredients: Freshly grated Parmesan, chopped tomatoes, sliced scallions, etc.

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This recipe serves three. ISTOCK

there!

If you are at home, what do you eat?

I'm not one of those people

that makes the same grilled cheese sandwich four days a week. I'm a big scrambled eggs guy at (home). Also, I think 90 per cent of the eggs you get in

a fast food restaurant or while you're travelling are not particularly very good — probably because they were made the day before or something.

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Turner, Denmark expected to stay put

CFL. Bombers to keep defensive lineman and receiver, while Vega is lost to the NFL

With defensive lineman Bryant Turner and receiver Clarence Denmark signed or nearly there, the Winnipeg Blue Bombers have locked down the last of the free agents they wanted to keep.

They've already lost defensive lineman Jason Vega to the NFL, general manager Joe Mack confirmed Thursday.

"I hate to lose him," said Mack. "He's a good guy and a hard worker."

But Mack was surprised to find out last week the club has also likely lost linebacker Marcellus Bowman to injury.

Mack says there had been NFL interest in Bowman as well. However, the team learned Bowman had a serious knee injury that required surgery and now he'll need many months to recover.

"I was shocked, to be quite frank with you, that it was something that serious at this stage of the game," Mack said.

Mack said neither he nor the player know how the injury came about and that discussions with Bowman's agent continue.

"In deference to the fact that Marcellus has been such a good player and also such a good person, I am willing to do something from a contract standpoint to keep him on the team," Mack said.

But Mack is prepared to let defensive back Deon Beasley and defensive lineman Ferdinand Kashama become free agents at the noon ET on Friday deadline.

Mack doesn't expect to be busy in free agency, saying he's not really interested



Winnipeg Blue Bombers receiver Clarence Denmark gets pulled down by Toronto Argos defender Lin-J Shell on July 23, 2011. Denmark is expected to re-sign with the Bombers. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

in any of the players that remain. Mack did have his eye on five potential free agents, but they all re-signed with their respective clubs.

There's no obvious help at quarterback, a position the Bombers have said they need improvement at.

The club still likes veteran Buck Pierce, but he has always battled injuries. That has allowed backups Alex

Drawing interest

GM Joe Mack knew of about five teams interested in linebacker Marcellus Bowman, but because of injury, everything is on hold.

Brink and Joey Elliott to see action, but neither has been especially impressive.

A third backup, Justin Goltz, hasn't seen much action and is seen as a possible future prospect for a club looking for more immediate help now.

Mack said the Bombers have considered other quarterback prospects but some of those are still waiting to see if they have a chance to play in the NFL.

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NHL

Noel not afraid to give young goalie a shot

Eddie Pasquale is ready to step on the ice in his first NHL game if called upon.

"You look at guys like Jake Allen, he's my age, Matt Hackett last year, Robin Lehner, guys that I compared myself (with)," he said Thursday after his first practice with the Winnipeg Jets. "I mean, if those guys can do it I don't see why I couldn't do it."

The 22-year-old Pasquale was called up from the AHL earlier this week because Winnipeg backup netminder Al Montoya is injured.

Coach Claude Noel says Montoya isn't just out for a day or two and will be evaluated on a week-to-week basis.

Noel says Pasquale has shown a lot of poise playing with the St. John's IceCaps and the Jets coach has a lot of confidence in the young goaltender.

"I wouldn't be afraid to use him that's for sure," Noel said. "He's earned the right to be here."

Noel also says forward Eric Tangradi, picked up this week from Pittsburgh, should see action in Friday's game against the Penguins.

"He's a young guy and has good size," Noel said. "When I watch him, I like a lot of the things he does."

It's still uncertain whether defenceman Zach Bogosian will play but he says he feels ready to return following off-season wrist surgery.

"He's ready to go, I'm not sure I'd hold him out of there," said Noel.

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You will have to make sacrifices in one area if you want to make progress in another. At work, try to get important people on your side because no issue of it now they will take advantage of you, you can't do it all alone.

♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Whatever your plans, whatever your schedules, whatever your deadlines, it is essential that you take life at a slower, calmer pace today. Everything you need will come to you if you let it. Sit back and let it happen.

♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

You may not feel brave on the inside but try to look brave on the outside. Self-confidence is the key to success now and if you can convince people you've got it you'll get what it is you desire.

♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

You may have to rely on partners and colleagues a bit more than usual over the next 24 hours. That means revealing information you might prefer to keep to yourself. Make sure you confide only in those you trust.

♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

You cannot possibly be the best at everything — no, really! And the sooner you stop trying, the better. You will achieve more over the next few days if you stick to the two or three things you are exceptionally good at.

♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

You need to get serious about something of a creative or artistic nature. You may think you are serious about it already but deep down you know you have been holding back. As from today, you must give it your all.

♏ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

You don't have to suffer in silence if someone has cheated you in some way. Shout out loud about it. Kick up a fuss. If you don't make an issue of it now they will take advantage of you again later on.

♐ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Let others have their say first then, when they have finished, point out the flaws in their argument. You may not win many friends but you will make it clear you are not going to be taken in so easily.

♑ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Saturn's influence demands that you start thinking seriously about ways to make ends meet and make your money go further. In a nutshell, you must spend less or earn more. Ideally, of course, you need to do both.

♒ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Strive to make a positive impression on people in positions of authority. The more you can show them that you are on top of your game, the more likely it is they will turn to you when there is a promotion on offer.

♓ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You seem to be struggling with some serious questions about your place in the world. You certainly have not found the right answers yet. Don't worry, it's only a matter of time before it all clicks into place.

♈ Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

People are looking to you to take a lead and you must not let them down. Today's Mars-Pluto link will endow you with loads of energy and no end of self-confidence. You'll need them for the tasks ahead.

SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

1. National ___ of Canada Day
5. Prefix to 'metrical'
8. Takes on the role of: 2 wds.
14. Copy of an orig.
15. My own, in Latin
16. "Wow!" in Australia
17. Abominable snowman
18. Grass appendage
19. The Grand ___
20. Prefix to 'lead'
22. Marc ___, painter of I and the Village (1911, oil on canvas)
24. "Rise Up" by The ___ Club
28. Earth
30. Anoint, archaically
31. Lathers
34. Dundee denial
35. ___ poker
36. Baseball great Mickey
37. Explosive letters
38. Sporty brand
40. Mill, stockpile
42. UK record label
44. Deceive
48. One who must pay
51. Philosopher, ___-tzu
52. Drive, do this
53. Two down, ___ go
54. Mailed a letter
56. Phar Lap, for one
58. Creeks
61. Roadie's haul
62. Make ___ (Reception tradition)
63. Meditation sounds
65. Receptive
69. Self-evident fact
70. "The Science Guy", Bill ___
71. Former currency in Italy
72. Mr. Safer, Canadian correspondent on "60 Minutes"
73. Mr. Mineo
74. Wool

Down

1. Use a pan
2. Kathie Gifford link
3. Inclined
4. House of ___ (Monaco's royal family)

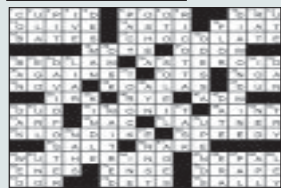


5. NBC series starring "American Idol" alum Katharine McPhee
6. Archery bow wood
7. New Brunswick city
8. Medieval silk and gold fabric
9. Rugged cliff
10. Singer Ms. Turner's
11. Niagara Falls lookout structure: 2 wds.
12. ___ harp (It sounds in the wind)
13. Equivalent word [abbr.]
21. Arctic ___ cap
22. Warmth
23. Wren
24. French

25. Social bug
26. Classic rock band's venture, perhaps: 2 wds.
27. Can. neighbor
29. Allow
32. Theatrical work
33. Theological sch.
36. Convene
39. "Footloose" (1984) star ...his initials=shares
41. Classic board game
42. Pro golfer Ernie
43. "Let Your Backbone Slide" by Fresh-Wes
45. Condition

46. Causes
47. Rainbow shape
49. Aliens, for short
50. Caviar
53. Electrical resistance unit
55. Hiker's snack, ___ mix
57. Painter's stand
59. Being, in Latin
60. 1996 to 2001 Canadian series, "Wind ___ Back"
62. Cash dispenser, commonly
64. "Lady Marmalade" co-singer
66. 1980s starlet Ms. Zadora
67. "To ___ is human..."
68. Book publisher, ___ A. Talese

Yesterday's Crossword

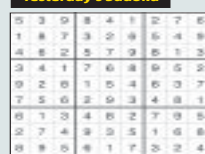


Sudoku

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku



Weather

TODAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

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MIN: -6°MAX: 0°
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